

APPROVED JANUARY 26, 2009

At 7:05 pm the meeting was called to order by Chairman Charles Kimball. The members of the Fremont Budget Committee present were Chairman Charles Kimball, Andy Kohlhofer, Mike Nygren, Doug McElroy, Rich Violette, and School Board Representative Peg Pinkham. Selectmen present were Gene Cordes and Brett Hunter, Town Administrator Heidi Carlson, and Recording Secretary Jeanne Nygren.

Carlson stated that the Town didn't get any petitions filed and the deadline was 4:00 pm today. Carlson had sent out emails to the Committee and said she also added a Warrant for repairs to North Road. The packet she handed out tonight also shows the default budget, Warrant Articles, and MS7. She is going to provide an explanation on rationale on all the Warrant Articles to better understand their scope. A decision needs to be made by the Committee on Article 24. Kohlhofer asked the question on how the wall got hit? Carlson said while trying to work on shoulder repairs, the wall was damaged and a large section has to be redone. There have been bids put out and repair prices were obtained. The section that is damaged is level with the road and a partial retaining wall for the road. This area is located between houses #61 and # 97 North Road. The Town's engineer at the Scenic Road Public Hearing recommended a guard rail for safety purposes be placed at an approximate cost of \$8,000 to \$9,000. Kohlhofer asked is there insurance that will pay for this? Carlson said this avenue wasn't pursued. Pinkham asked is this on Town property? Carlson said half is on Town and half is private property. Nygren also feels that this should be an insurance case, and not an at fault case, and the contractor might have insurance to cover this. Cordes added the wall holding the road up has collapsed, and due to gravity it fell onto the property adjacent to the Town right away. Nygren feels that either the contractor, home owner or town insurance should cover this and this should not go on a Warrant Article for the Town tax payers to pay. Cordes said to put the wall back the way it was is substandard. Cordes said there is an unsafe condition present and even when the wall is put back and with all the traffic there may need to be a guard rail. Pinkham asked can we make a decision after the Public Hearing to the approach that needs to be there to support that road, and maybe they are outside the period for filing a claim, and a claim adjuster might give you a depreciation schedule of what would be covered. Kohlhofer asked if the contractor is bonded. Kimball asked if he is a contractor working as a Road Agent. Kohlhofer said he should be carrying a bond as part of his business to cover damages. Carlson said the Town is trying to work with the property owner. There are a lot of issues on that part of the road. Kohlhofer said in the past there was some work done there. Kimball said they shimmed and put some drainage in a few years back. The recommendation will be done at the end of the Public Hearing. A motion to table this discussion was made by Kohlhofer, seconded by Violette. The vote was unanimously approved.

Carlson said the Warrants have been renumbered and that the usual language had to be taken out such as "The Report of the Budget Committee, etc." and the statement at the end "To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting" as these cannot go on the ballot and will be left out of the Warrant. Carlson also asked that the Budget Committee sit at the front of the room the day of the Deliberative Session with the other elected officials as per a private citizen's request. Kohlhofer also stated that they need to work with the Moderator on how to handle this meeting and the protocol. Cordes said a motion would have to come from the Moderator if anything else wanted to be discussed at the Deliberative Session.

The last change to the Warrant Articles was the Cable Access Trust Fund. Article 22 and Article 23 were reviewed. Discussion occurred regarding this and Carlson explained the differences between these two Articles. New legislation in July 2009 allows for creation of revolving funds for cable access.

A motion to approve the minutes of the January 7, 2009 with one typo cited on page 3 by McElroy. Kohlhofer motioned to approve these minutes as amended and Violette seconded. The vote was 6-0 with Cordes abstaining.

A motion was made by Pinkham to open the Public Hearing at 7:30 PM, seconded by McElroy; the vote was unanimous 7-0.

Members of the public present were Elizabeth Harris, Mary Lou Kohlhofer, Brett Hunter, Lori Holmes, Sarah Lamirande, Renee King, Thomas Roy, Jon Benson, Cheryl Rowell, Deborah Genthner, Matthew Thomas, Theresa Case, RCA Fuel Assistance Program, Neil Rowland, and Erin Drake, Child and Family Services.

Chairman Kimball stated the Budget Committee has put a lot of work into going through the budget and putting this budget together. The only item that they felt was not prudent to change was the Fuel Lines, due to the volatility in today's economy.

The Budget Committee started to read the proposed draft Warrants Articles:

Article 1: To choose by ballot all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

Article 2: Are you in favor of amending the Fremont Zoning Ordinance by adding new Article IV-3:A follows:

Article IV Section 3-A

As it relates to Article IV Section 3 and Article XI Section E-1; where-ever a commercial use or a mixed use of residential and commercial are proposed on the same lot the minimum size lot shall be further determined in that each 2000 square feet (or any part thereof) of commercial use shall constitute a calculate-able unit for the purpose of determining the minimum lot size. The lot size minimum is as determined by Article IV Section 3 and/or Article XI Section E-1; whichever applies.

Examples:

The minimum lot size for consideration of commercial Conditional Use Permit in the Flexible Use District would be 2 acres or if in the Aquifer Protection District the minimum lot size for a commercial conditional use permit would be 3 acres.

A proposed 10,000 sq ft commercial

A 10,000 square foot commercial use outside of the Aquifer District would require a total of 4.3 acres. Calculation: $10,000/2000=5$ units and minimum lot size is 2 acres, 2 acres plus 20,000 sq ft times the number of units (5) of calculation =4.3 acres.

A proposed 4000 square foot mixed use w/3 residential

A mixed use 4,000 square foot commercial with 3 residential 2 bedroom dwelling units. The lot is outside the Aquifer. Calculation: $4,000/2000=2$ plus 3 dwelling units = 5 calculate-able units and the minimum lot size is 2 acres. 2 acres plus 20,000 sq ft times the number of units (5) of calculation = 4.3 acres.

(See also Article XI Section E-1)

Article 3: Shall the Town of Fremont raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special Warrant Articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the Warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purpose set forth therein, totaling \$2,541,438? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$2,531,763, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Fremont or by law or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI,, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

Note: This operating budget warrant article does not include appropriations contained in any other warrant articles.

DISCUSSION OR COMMENTS: Kohlhofer said the \$2,541,438 is the Budget Committees recommendation and not the Selectmen's recommendation.

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) to be placed in the Highway Building Capital Reserve Fund. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation and the Budget Committee does not recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required.)

DISCUSSION OR COMMENTS: Thomas asked what was it that the Budget Committee did not recommend. Kohlhofer said if we don't have any equipment to put in the building then why have a building. Pinkham said they also asked to have a funding study be done as to whether they are looking into purchasing their own equipment as opposed to sub contracting out and that is why they didn't want to continue to put money into this fund and also this is a way to save money in the budget. Kohlhofer said there is no plan as to what the building will look like. Carlson said this fund has \$111,900.00 in it now. Kimball said looking at the budget and the financial problems in the world today they are trying to downgrade some spending. Thomas also felt putting off also might make it difficult when the time comes to do the building and then they need to come up with additional needed money.

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twelve thousand five hundred dollars (\$12,500) to be placed in the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. The Budget Committee recommends \$1,500. (Majority vote required.)

DISCUSSION OR COMMENTS: Carlson commented that Department of Revenue Administration had told her that this is a Selectmen's warrant and if Budget Committee doesn't recommend the amount than they have to put they did not recommend. King asked what their rationale was. Kohlhofer said the Budget Committee felt that they didn't need as much in this account as the committee is recommending spending the \$11,000.00 on the detective vehicle.

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) to be placed in the Town Hall Renovations Capital Reserve Fund. The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required.)

DISCUSSION OR COMMENTS: Carlson stated there is also another article asking for \$240,000.00 to do the basement and if this doesn't pass, then putting the \$25,000.00 into this account will help to continue in putting funds to save for these renovations in the future.

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) to be placed in the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required.)

DISCUSSION OR COMMENT: Kohlhofer commented that this appropriation is for the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund. This is for every 5 year evaluation/recertification and these are the funds to pay for this.

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to be placed in the Expansion/Renovation of the Fremont Historic Museum Capital Reserve Fund. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required.)

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) to be placed in the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required.)

DISCUSSION OR COMMENT: Thomas asked what was in this fund. Carlson stated \$99,574.00. Fire Chief Butler had came to the Selectmen stating when they are ready to buy a truck the money being put in

now (\$12,500.) would take too long to accumulate enough to purchase a vehicle. He asked to increase to \$25,000.00 due to the price of a truck in today's market which could run from \$250,000 to \$350,000.

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to be placed in the Radio Communication Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. Majority vote required.)

DISCUSSION OR COMMENT: King asked the question what radios. Kimball said they are for the Fire Department and Police Department. Carlson said the fund was set up originally to fund the change over to digital. This fund has \$18,000.00 in it now. King asked if this has to be done at Town meeting. Carlson said yes. As a Town meeting vote is required to release funds from the Capital Reserve Fund.

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) to be placed in the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation and the Budget Committee does not recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required.)

DISCUSSION OR COMMENT: Violette said due to the same that was recommended in Article 4, the Budget Committee did not recommend this to save the dollars now.

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) for the purchase of a roller and trailer for the Highway department; and further to authorize the withdrawal of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund created for this purpose. (Majority vote required.)

DISCUSSION OR COMMENTS: Carlson said Department of Revenue Administration has changed their view on recommendations and will only allow recommendation to be included in the Article as authorized by Statute. This includes special capital reserve items, bond issues money into separate funds, or non-lapsing Articles. Carlson will have a narrative document with these recommendations at the Deliberative Session. Kohlhofer also said the Budget Committee wanted to make sure the size of the roller and weight of the roller was sufficient for the jobs needed to be done.

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of forty-nine thousand five hundred fifty dollars (\$49,550) to continue the Public Health Mosquito Control Program. (Majority vote required.)

DISCUSSION OR COMMENTS: Carlson said this was recommended by the Selectmen and not recommended by the Budget Committee. Kohlhofer added there is no documented proof from what has been done that the mosquito population has changed, and that there only selected mosquitoes that carry the diseases.

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seventy-four thousand six hundred twenty dollars (\$74,620) to do paving and overlay work, and do associated shoulder work on sections of Rogers Road from Beede Hill Road to Shirkin Road; Shirkin Road from Beede Hill Road to Rogers Road; Bean Road between Pine Street and Beach Street; and to pave Clough Crossing. (Majority vote required.)

DISCUSSION OR COMMENTS: BC recommended \$67,240. which did not include Clough Crossing. Selectmen recommended the total figure of \$74,620.

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-five thousand sixty-nine dollars (\$25,069) to purchase and equip a 2009 Police Cruiser for the Police Department; and further to authorize the withdrawal of twenty-five thousand sixty-nine dollars (\$25,069) from the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund created for this purpose. (Majority vote required.)

DISCUSSION OR COMMENTS: This Article was recommended by both Budget Committee and the Selectmen. Kohlhofer said the Budget Committee thought they should consider getting a small vehicle for less money that would get better gas mileage. The Police Chief, during the initial discussions, argued that a smaller vehicle won't last as long.

Article 16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of eighteen thousand one hundred ninety-seven dollars (\$18,197) to purchase and equip a new vehicle for use by the detective / juvenile division of the Fremont Police Department; and further to authorize the withdrawal of eleven thousand dollars (\$11,000) from the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund created for this purpose. (Majority vote required.)

DISCUSSION OR COMMENTS: Both the Budget Committee and the Selectmen did not recommend this Article. Kohlhofer said that the \$11,000.00 wasn't recommended by the Budget Committee at Town Meeting last year. King said the voters did at Town Meeting. The Committee feels that this year it is just not wise to do this spending.

Article 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seventy thousand dollars (\$70,000) to perform an assessment recertification for the tax year beginning 04/01/2010 pursuant to NH DRA Rules; and further to authorize the withdrawal of seventy thousand dollars (\$70,000) from the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund created for this purpose. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the recertification is complete or by December 31, 2010, whichever is sooner. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required.)

DISCUSSION OR COMMENT: Kohlhofer said there was a discussion on the State mandate that if this Article falls under it and if it is a mandate then the State needs to pay for it. This is an issue with all the mandates Town and School and the Town ends up having to pay more. Thomas said Kohlhofer is right on that, and he said the State will issue mandates without funding it and they have ignored this and this is why the Towns are having financial difficulties.

Article 18: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand six hundred fifteen dollars (\$1,615) for an increase in the Town Clerk's salary. (Majority vote required.)

DISCUSSION OR COMMENT: Carlson said the Selectmen and Budget Committee's recommendation was \$1000.00. Carlson said all elected town officials will be put on the Warrant and any future changes will be put on as a Warrant Article as per the procedure begun in 2008.

Article 19: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of six hundred dollars (\$600) for an increase in the Treasurer's salary. (Majority vote required.)

Article 20: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty dollars (\$50) for an increase in the Deputy Treasurer's stipend. (Majority vote required.)

Article 21: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred forty thousand dollars (\$240,000) to renovate the basement of the Fremont Town Hall; and further to authorize the withdrawal of up to one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) from the Town Hall Renovation Capital Reserve Fund created for this purpose. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the renovations are complete or by December 31, 2010, whichever is sooner. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation and the Budget Committee does not recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required.)

DISCUSSION OR COMMENT: Carlson said here are sketches if anyone is interested in looking at this project that have been put on the Town's website. Kohlhofer said the Town will have to raise \$140,000.00 and the Committee felt it is too much. It would be a \$.34 per thousand

of assessed value on property as an impact on the tax dollar and to just continue to put aside some each year would be more prudent.

Cordes asked if some funding from the State became available, we would not be in a position to accept this unless they are in agreement on the amount. Holmes asked what the increase from 5 years ago is when the first proposal came in and by continuing to wait, what would be the increase. Carlson said \$175,000.00 was the bid in the past, but that was without the detailed heating system as is in the present bids. Kohlhofer said you may not see much change in a year span due to the economy. Cordes said maybe it would be considered if there were enough money in the Capital Reserve Fund and with any Grant money you could fund it.

Roy asked could the article be written to withdraw \$120,000.00 to fund a partial project so we could have the funds if a grant came along. Kohlhofer went over that there is no Town Meeting and that the Deliberative Session is what is voted on to be put on the ballot. If they vote against the budget then we go into a default budget, which is last years budget figure, plus or minus one time expenditures and contract agreements.

Cordes said he appreciates the effort going into this Budget and he feels we are making progress by putting money away so we can be ready when the time comes.

Article 22: To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Fremont Cable Access Expenditure Trust Fund created in 2008. No monies are in this fund. (Majority vote required).

DISCUSSION OR COMMENT: Carlson said last year at Town meeting an expendable trust fund was set up to put franchise fees in for the ability to broadcast and create public access. Carlson said the contract is almost finished. In July of 2008 the Statute changed and the Towns are able to set up a revolving fund. What was decided was to discontinue the fund set up and set up a new fund pursuant to the Statute NHRSA 31:95-h for money to come in and out of this fund to be just used for cable access. It can be spent on any type of rotating basis as requested by the Cable Committee and approved through the Selectmen.

Article 23: To see if the Town will vote to establish a revolving fund pursuant to RSA 31:95-h, for the purpose of Cable Access, and to raise the appropriate twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) from cable franchise fees, to be placed in said fund. All revenues received from cable franchise fees will be deposited into the fund, and the money in the fund shall be allowed to accumulate from year to year, and shall not be considered part of the Town's General Fund unreserved fund balance. The Town Treasurer shall have custody of all money in the fund, and shall pay out the same only upon order of the governing body and no further approval is required by the legislative body to expend. Such funds may be expended only for the purpose for which the fund was created.

DISCUSSION OR COMMENT: Pinkham said all these fees are being paid by franchise fees and has no impact on taxes. If this Article fails, any franchise fees would be returned to the general fund.

Article 24: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-two thousand dollars (\$22,000) for repair of a stone wall on North Road at parcel 06-047.001.003.001 to include necessary safety considerations, such as a guardrail, at this location. (Majority vote required.)

DISCUSSION OR COMMENT: King asked what address this was. Carlson said 97 North Road which is between the two sets of condos. Kohlhofer said there was a discussion earlier whether the Town should appropriate the money or be paid partially by insurance as an alternative to save the Town spending this money. Thomas asked how this got broken. Cordes said the top of the stone wall is flush with the shoulder and is a retaining wall of loose stones. As work was being done on the shoulder it collapsed and tumbled down. There were provisions such as where the property line is and put the wall back with a guard rail for a safety improvement that is between \$8,000.00 to \$9,000.00. The discussion earlier was as to this being an insurance matter which was not pursued. The engineers are telling the Town that due to

the drop off and being on a curve there should be a guard rail for safety at this point. Thomas asked was it in the Town right-of-way. Carlson said we own half of the wall according to a survey. Thomas said can't you still put fill into the road level just to build it up.

Article 25: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of four hundred twenty-five dollars (\$425) in support of the American Red Cross, Manchester Chapter. If approved, in future years this agency would become part of the Vendor Payments operating budget. (Majority vote required).

Article 26: To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of NH RSA 36-A:4-a, I (b) to authorize Conservation Commission to expend funds for contributions to qualify organizations for the purchase of property interests, or facilitating transactions related thereto, where the property interest to be held by the qualified organization and the Town will retain no interest in the property.

DISCUSSION OR COMMENT: Carlson said the Statute changed in 2008 to allow additional language to purchase property interest and not the property itself. There is a situation conservation easement was put on property and the interest is held by Rockingham County Conservation District.

Kohlhofer's past dispute on the 2006 Open Space Bond in the interpretation of RSA that covers any bond fund over 5 years old that may be gone and another interpretations say no it is for making the million dollar bond that was appropriated in the past no longer valid. Pinkham said this is just discussion by the Committee and no recommendation was made. Kohlhofer said this was RSA 32:7.VI on Lapse of Appropriations. Carlson said also look at 33:8-a which has to do with bonding.

Article 27: To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of NH RSA 72:62 for the property tax exemption on real property equipped with solar energy systems, which exemption shall be in an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the assessed value of the solar energy systems; in accordance with NH RSA 72:61, 72:27, 72:33, 72:34, and 72:34-a.

Article 28: To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of NH RSA 72:66 for the property tax exemption on real property equipped with wind-powered energy systems, which exemption shall be in an amount equal to one hundred cent (100%) of the assessed value of the wind-powered energy systems, in accordance with NH RSA 72:65; 72:27, 72:33, 72:34 and 72:34-a.

Article 29. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of NH RSA 72:70 for the property tax exemption on real property equipped with wood heating energy systems, which exemption shall be in an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the assessed value of the wood heating energy systems in accordance with NH RSA 72:69, 72:27, 72:33, 72:34, and 72:34-a.

Article 30: To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of NH RSA 72:37-b Exemption for the Disabled for taxpayers, who, if qualified, shall receive a yearly exemption in the amount of \$50,000. To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 5 consecutive years, owns the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married to each other for at least 5 consecutive years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$25,000, or, if married, a combined net income of not more than \$35,000; and own net assets not in excess of \$45,000 excluding the value of the person's residence.

DISCUSSION OR COMMENT: Pinkham wanted clarification if the \$50,000 is taken off tax assessment value of property so people won't be confused on this Article. Carlson answered yes.

Thomas asked on Article 29 would this be a wood stove. Carlson said no not a single stove, but if it was hooked up to the whole system for a home it would be considered.

Theresa Case from the Rockingham Fuel Assistance Program spoke regarding their funding request in the amount of \$6,612.00 for their 2009/2010 fiscal year. She said this is a Non profit organization that helps low income residents pay for fuel to help keep the Town's budget lower. She read the fuel assistance

statistics for the Town of Fremont which were 71 applicants from Fremont have applied. Total of 49 households eligible and 108 eligible individuals. Of these applicants only 4 households were denied. 19 were eligible elderly households. 18 eligible handicapped households. 6 households with children under the age of 6. The total \$60,225.00 obligated for Fremont residents this year. Carlson said this has been included under Vendor Payments in this year's budget.

Also present was Erin Drake from the Child and Family Services that requested their vendor payment in the amount of \$2,500.00. She gave the figures of 30 individuals served with 609 hours of service provided in Fremont. This vendor is included in the Vendor Payments of this year's budget for appropriations.

Pinkham made it aware that no introductions were done earlier by the Budget Committee for the public in attendance. The Budget Committee then introduced themselves to those present.

Carlson didn't know if there were any questions on the operating budget, MS7 and the default budget sheets. She also said that there is a full detail on the Town's website by each department and that the revenues have not yet been updated.

Kimball asked if anyone had a specific line item that needed a discussion or if there were questions on anything.

Kohlhofer said that the Budget Committee even though they went through each line item and didn't recommend something it doesn't mean it is the way the money gets spent because money can be transferred from line items. Pinkham said each department has authority to spend as they see fit, but the Selectmen monitor these line items. Kohlhofer thanked the Selectmen and he said he feels they are doing a great job. Pinkham said Department Heads have been coming in requesting less and should be commended. Kohlhofer said the Town is going on a new wage matrix and how to adopt that throughout the Town this year. Holmes thanked the Budget Committee as they are volunteers and put in a lot of hours and their decisions are respected.

Cordes thanked the Department Heads and Budget Committee also on their long hours and even though they don't agree, that is okay and a lot of good ideas have come out of this and that everyone present here are taxpayers also.

Carlson thinks it is important to have people at the Deliberative Session to be informed. Thomas felt this is important because it is hard to understand some of the Warrants. Pinkham spoke of the open positions on the Budget Committee, there is 1 two year term, and 2 three year term positions open. She also said there are open positions on the School Board and there are two

Warrant Articles that have been presented. Carlson said the listings on the Town's Warrants are in the Town's newsletter and on the Town's website.

A motion to close the Public Hearing at 9:15 PM was made by Chairman Kimball, and seconded by Kohlhofer. The vote was unanimous 7-0.

A motion was made by Kohlhofer to take a short recess. This was seconded by Violette. The vote was unanimous 7-0.

The meeting was called back to order by Chairman Kimball at 9:25 PM to discuss the Budget Committees recommendation on Article 24. A motion not to recommend was made by Violette and seconded by Kohlhofer. The motion passed 4-3 to not recommend this Article. Cordes asked if they would recommend a portion of this Article. Violette asked if the Article was recommended for less. Nygren said the guard rail is an addition for safety. Pinkham asked if you could recommend appropriating up to a certain amount. Carlson said the masonry cost was \$12,500. and the rest is guard rail. Carlson said this will match what is there now on North Road.

Carlson had the MS7 ready for signatures and passed them out for all the members of the Budget Committee to sign.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Kohlhofer and seconded by Violette. The meeting adjourned at 9:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Nygren
Recording Secretary